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Chamber News & Events

Cowichan Chambers Kick Off Summer BBQ June 23

Join us for the Chamber's annual Kick Off Summer event. This year we're having a BBQ at the Visitor Centre. This is a rain-or-shine, bring your-own-lawn chair event. You'll enjoy gourmet burgers and salad buffet from [Vancouver Island Event Catering](#). [Unsworth Vineyards](#), [Enrico Winery](#), [Rocky Creek Winery](#), [Averill Creek Vineyard](#) and [Damali Winery](#) are pouring samples. Plus - the [Time to Heal](#) team will be on-site offering "try-it" massages.



Cowichan Chambers Kick Off Summer BBQ

Thurs. June 23, 5:30 pm
\$25 Tax Incl. | Cash Bar

Cowichan Regional Visitor Ctr, Bell McKinnon & Trans Canada

[Register online](#), or contact the Chamber: chamber@duncancc.bc.ca

Be sure to let us know your burger preference - beef, chicken or veggie

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WINERY**2016/17 Event Season**

We've started booking the 2016/17 Event Season. Register now, or save the dates.

[Luncheon - Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit, Thurs. Sept. 29](#)

Lunch 'n Learn Intercultural Fluency with Cowichan Intercultural Society - Wed. Oct. 5

[Luncheon - John Hankins, CEO Nanaimo Economic Development Fri. Oct. 21](#)

Annual Business Showcase Fri. Oct. 21 at Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn

Annual General Meeting - Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce, Tues. Nov. 22

Luncheon - [SD79 Supt Rod Allen & Chair Candace Spilsbury, Thurs. Nov. 24](#)

Luncheon - [Destination BC CEO Marsha Walden, Jan. 28/17](#)

Celebration of Life for Michael Shaw - May 29 - THIS SUNDAY

Michael Shaw, owner of Excellent FrameWorks and the E. J. Hughes gallery for over 30 years, passed away on May 14th. Michael was a big part of the business community over the years and his business was an example of how service and excellence can survive in the good times and the tough times in our supportive Cowichan Valley. Michael sold Excellent FrameWorks in 2014 Michael the new owner will keep his legacy alive. Michael will be missed by family and friends. A celebration to honour Michael will be held on Sunday May 29. Michael's family invites you to attend, refreshments will be served.

Celebration of Life for Michael Shaw

Sun. May 29, Drop In 2 - 5 pm

Heritage Hall, 246 Ingram Street

Donations can be made in Michael's name to the SPCA.

To donate, call the SPCA at 250.746.4646 or via mail to:

7550 Bell McKinnon Road Duncan, BC V9L 6B1

Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre**Jan's Restaurant Pick's: York Street Diner**

If you are looking for well-priced, casual dining in a pleasant atmosphere, a nice selection of food options and quality service, I recommend you try the York Street Diner. Featuring great breakfast, lunch and diner options, daily specials and plenty of home made specialty items, you will be challenged to decide what to order. Portions are generous, and I was able to take away a little treat for my pooch as penance for leaving her at home. My husband enjoyed the Toasted Turkey Sandwich, served with cranberry mayo and stuffing I could not resist every bite of my Ukrainian Plate, that featured perogies, cabbage rolls, sausage and sauerkraut.



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5849 York St. | 250.597.0400

Mon - Sat: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm | Sun: 8 am - 7:30 pm | Stat Holidays: 9 am - 2 pm

Jan is a volunteer at the Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre who loves eating out at Cowichan restaurants.

Coming soon

[MP Alistair MacGregor - Langford Open House - TODAY May 27](#)

Alistair MacGregor and team recently opened their Lanford Community Office and all are invited to drop by the Open House on Fri. May 27, 4 - 6 pm. You'll meet Alistair and team members, hear from some special guests and light refreshments will be served.

Open House - Alistair MacGregor - Langford Community Office

Fri. May 27, 4 - 6 pm

[3202B Happy Valley Road \(Sooke Rd. intersection\)](#)

[Cowichan Intercultural Partnership Summit June 2, Seats Available](#)

The Cowichan Intercultural presents a day of exploring and understanding intercultural fluency at the Intercultural Partnership Summit on Thurs. June 2 at the Oceanfront Suites. Noted Diversity and Inclusion Strategist Alden E. Habacon is the keynote speaker. Mr. Habacon will share his expertise around multiculturalism, social sustainability, interculturalism, diversity and inclusion in the workplace, and diversity in media. Space is still available - just \$50 covers 3 individuals from your organization for a full day event.

Can't make the Summit? Attend the Evening Community Dialogue at 6:30 pm!

[Cowichan Intercultural Partnership Summit](#)

Thur. June 2, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm. Doors open at 8:30 am

Oceanfront Suites at Cowichan Bay, 1681 Cowichan Bay Rd.

\$50 for up to 3 participants per organization

Contact CIS to Register: partnerships@cis-iwc.org | 250.748.3112 ext. 209



**COWICHAN
INTERCULTURAL
SOCIETY** where cultures connect

[Genuine Spirit of Inclusion - Evening Community Dialogue, June 2](#)

As the Cowichan Valley becomes home to recent arrivals from around the world, new skills, knowledge and capacity for relationship-building across cultures will be required. This workshop takes attendees through an interactive process of identifying the potential growing pains, and introduces useful concepts and intercultural tools. Presented and facilitated by Alden Habacon, keynote speaker at the Cowichan Intercultural Society's Partnership Summit.

Growing a Genuine Spirit of Inclusion at the Heart of Community

Thurs. June 2, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Oceanfront Suites at Cowichan Bay, 1681 Cowichan Bay Rd.

Free, but please RSVP: 250.748.3112 | partnerships@cis-iwc.org

[Tourism Cowichan Society Town Hall Meetings - 4 Dates to Choose From](#)

Tourism industry leaders came together to actively advance the tourism sector in the Cowichan region. The Tourism Cowichan Society (TCS) worked closely with the Cowichan Valley Regional District, Tourism Vancouver Island and Tourism Victoria to improve the delivery of tourism services and provide exciting new marketing initiatives. To support these initiatives, the Tourism Cowichan Society secured new funding from Destination BC and created strategic alliances with other tourism associations. To find out more, and see how you can get involved, attend one of four Town Hall Meetings being held in May and June.



[Details & Invitation Tourism Cowichan Society Town Hall Meetings](#)

Wednesday, May 25, 5pm: Merridale Cider, 1230 Merridale Rd, Cobble Hill
 Thursday, May 26, 5pm: Best Western Cowichan Valley Inn, 6474 Trans Canada Hwy, Duncan
 Tuesday, May 31, 5pm: Chemainus Theatre, 9737 Chemainus Rd, Chemainus
 Wednesday June 1, 4pm: Country Grocer Meeting Room, 83 Lk Cowichan Rd, Lake Cowichan
 RSVP to info@tourismcowichan.com with the location in the subject line, or call 250-510-5586.

News from Blue Grouse: VIREB Award & Open House May 29 THIS SUNDAY

Blue Grouse Winery recently brought home two [Vancouver Island Real Estate Board awards recognizing commercial buildings: the Judges Choice Award and the Award of Excellence - Hospitality.](#)

Don't miss the Blue Grouse Open House this Sun. May 28. You'll enjoy:

- Complimentary Tastings of new releases; Estate Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Quill Rosé
- Meet the winemaker [Bailey Williamson](#)
- Enjoy seasonal spot prawn bites courtesy of culinary specialist Daniele Mereu
- Pop-up Oyster Bar by [Wandering Mollusk](#)

Start the summer season off right with Blue Grouse! Bring your friends and a picnic basket to enjoy on the (Award winning) patio. Free admission to all and families are welcome!

Blue Grouse Winery - Open House

Sun. May 29, Noon - 5 pm

[2182 Lakeside Rd.](#)

FREE

(250) 743-3834 | info@bluegrouse.ca

Summer Hours in effect: 7 days a week, 11 am - 5 pm

Workshop Series from Time to Heal - Throughout May & June

Time to Heal has launched their workshop series that will run at various times through May and June. PLUS - there's the 5th Anniversary Party & Open House on Sun. June 26. Follow the links below.

Workshop 1: Recreating Life Patterns. Removing Futile Blocks, Wed's, May 25, June 1, 8, 15. 5:00 - 8:30 pm

Enhance Emotional Stability with Young Living Essential Oils Education Evenings,

Thurs. May 26. 6:00 pm

THIS SUNDAY - Men's Day. Adventure & BBQ, Sun. May 29. 1:00pm. Wildplay Nanaimo

Yin Yoga, Yoga Nidra, Chakra Integration with Jennifer McLeish-Lewis, Sun. June 5. 3:00pm-6:00pm

Skin Care Young Living Essential Oils Education Evenings, Thurs. June 16. 6:00pm

Cheryl's Spirit Paintings Art Opening, Sun. June 19, 1:00pm

OPEN HOUSE - 5th Anniversary PARTY & Jann MacCormack Art Opening!, Sun. June 26. 2:00pm

Summer Pet Care Young Living Essential Oils Educational Evenings, Wed. June 29. 6:00pm

Time to Heal

511 Canada Ave.

info@timetohealcommunity.com | 250.597.1099

Harvey at Chemainus Theatre Festival May 6 - 28

Elwood P. Dowd is unlike anyone you've ever met. He insists on introducing his friend Harvey to everyone around town - trouble is, Harvey is an invisible six-foot-tall rabbit. Such eccentric behaviour embarrasses his social-climbing sister, who arranges a trip to the sanitarium where an injection will "cure" Elwood. But things get even stranger when the real patient is mistaken and the doctors begin to behave oddly. This comedy of errors will make you laugh, and wonder: does the world need another normal chap, or more Harveys? Starring Mark DuMez, Chemainus Theatre Artistic Director.

Harvey - Chemainus Theatre Festival

May 6 - 28, [See website for Showtimes](#)

Box Office: 1.800.565.7738 | info@chemainustheatre.ca | [Tickets Online](#)



This Just In ...

[Cowichan Chiropractic & Wellness Open House Fri. June 3](#)

Cowichan Chiropractic and Wellness is welcoming 2 new practitioners: Chiropractor Dr. Noel Hauck and Massage Therapist Lisa Davies. And their hosting an Open House on Fri. June 3, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm at their downtown Duncan office. Come on down and enjoy a snack and a non-alcoholic beverage, and excellent company. Be sure to enter the draws for a chance to win great prizes: CranioSacral treatment with Anne Boschman, 5 laser treatments, Obusforme backpack, 1 hour massage therapy session with Lisa Davies. Be sure to drop in anytime between 4:30 and 7:30 pm next Fri. June 3.

[Cowichan Chiropractic & Wellness Open House](#)

#204-225 Canada Ave | 250-709-2151
Friday, June 3rd from 4:30-7:30
FREE APPYS | PRIZES!!!



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[New Funding Available for the Get Youth Working Program - Deadline June 30](#)

Funded by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Job Fund, Get Youth Working offers employers a \$2,800 wage subsidy to hire and train eligible youth 15 to 29 years of age. The funding helps BC Youth improve existing skills and gain new ones through practical experience and on-the-job-training. Under the current program funding stream, funding is still available but applications can only be accepted until June 30th, 2016.

No complicated paperwork! Employers conduct their own recruiting and can apply anytime during recruiting for the funding. The approval process is quick and easy. If the employer and proposed new hire meet the program criteria, they are eligible for the funding. Get started today! Complete an online application.

[Get Youth Working Employer Application](#)

For more information and complete Program details please visit
www.getyouthworking.ca



[St. John Ambulance - May is Emergency Ready Month](#)

The St. John Ambulance Team takes pride in keeping communities safe in an emergency, and to equip you and your family with the training, products and resources to get you emergency ready - whether you're at work, home or play.

[See the latest newsletter about keeping your home, family and pets prepared for an emergency.](#)

[Parkside Academy New Nature House Preschool - Offers French Immersion](#)

Parkside's new Nature House Preschool offers children an outdoor adventure in learning! This Waldorf-inspired program connects children with nature and includes eco-friendly gardening and food sustainability concepts - rolled in with French Immersion. Registration open.

[Parkside's Nature House Preschool](#)

Mon. - Fri., 12:30 - 3:30 pm

250.746.1711 | naturehousepreschool@gmail.com

*Sparking Future Conservationists that Love and Care
for all Thing in Nature*



Nature House on Shaw Go! Island

Member News

Seaside Computers Moved to Beverly St.

Seaside Computers has moved from their downtown location to a new location - 4 - 2628 Beverly St. Seaside Computers sells computers and provides service and support for computers and peripherals. Boasting the largest computer repair facility in the Cowichan Valley, they have experienced technicians who can repair your computer quickly and efficiently.



Seaside Computers - New Location

4 - 2628 Beverly St.
Duncan, BC V9L 5C7

seasidecomputers@shaw.ca | 250 746-9715

Summer at the Cowichan Valley Museum and Archives

"The Big House Remembered: An Expo 86 Legacy" opens at the Museum on June 7 in downtown Duncan. The display commemorates the placement of the Folklife Long House building of Expo 86, and its subsequent move to Duncan. The official opening is at 11 am, with Chief Chip Seymour and colleagues. There will be special presentation in advance of the opening on May 19 by Eugene Jobagy who worked on the original construction.



Cowichan Valley Museum & Archives

The Big House Remembered: An Expo 86 Legacy

Grand Opening Tues. June 7, 11 am

[Cowichan Valley Museum & Archives](#)

130 Canada Ave.

Eugene Jobagy Presentation - The Big House - from design to relocation.

Thurs. May 19, 7:30 pm

St. Peter's Church Hall, 5800 Church Rd

Sharing Knowledge - Building Relationships Conference at VIU, June 7 - 8

The Building Relationships national Conference seeks to address vital issues for Aboriginal employees' health and well-being and to promote relationships between Aboriginal people, organizations and scholars. Using participatory discussion methods consistent with, and respectful of, Aboriginal culture, the conference aims to increase understanding of Aboriginal experiences in the workplace with an emphasis on understanding how to increase workplace well-being, and decrease turnover of Aboriginal workers. In addition, this conference will help guide collaborative research and interventions to address common challenges faced by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal employees and employers. Long-term goals are to create partnerships and conduct collaborative, participatory action research in these areas.

[Sharing Knowledge - Building Relationships Conference](#)

June 7 & 8

Vancouver Island University, 2011 University Way

[Download & Register](#) or Contact Warren Weir: 250.746.3506



Hosted by U. of Windsor, U. of Waterloo, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology & Vancouver Island University

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program - Call for Proposals May 24 - June 22

The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program is part of *Canada 150 Celebrates*. Through investments in community infrastructure, the Government of Canada will invest in projects that celebrate our heritage, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for Canadians.

Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) has received an additional \$46.2 million in funding to invest in projects that rehabilitate existing community infrastructure in Western Canada.

WD will be seeking new applications under a second call for proposals that opens May 24. Priority will be given to:

- Recreational facilities;
- Projects that support a clean growth economy (i.e., energy efficiency upgrades); and/or,
- Projects that support Indigenous communities and Peoples.

[Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program](#)

Applications in Western Canada will be accepted Tues. May 24 - Wed. June 22 @ 1 pm Pacific Time

[Cowichan Performing Arts Centre - Seeks Volunteer Ushers](#)

The Cowichan Performing Arts Centre is looking for volunteer ushers to start this Sept. Volunteering offers you an opportunity to:

Connect with your community | Be part of a great team | Participate in Recognition Program
Have fun and build friendships | Help live performance thrive
And last, but not least, take in some of the show!

Volunteer at Cowichan Performing Arts Centre (CPAC)

Download an [Application Form](#)

Or contact CPAC ushers@cvrd.bc.ca | 250.746.3426

Submit by Aug. 1



[Cowichan United Way Joins Central and Northern Vancouver Island Offices](#)

On April 1, Cowichan United Way joined forces with United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island to create a larger and stronger regional United Way model. [See the press release here](#)

[BC Economic Summit - June 12 - 14 in Richmond](#)

This year's Summit, Past, Present & Future, will celebrate BCEDA's 35th Anniversary by respecting the Past, embracing the Present, and shaping the Future. Connect with forward-looking strategic leaders to learn how to increase productivity, competitiveness, and make the most of your community's economic development potential. The program features keynote presentations by distinguished experts, relevant, interactive workshops on hot topics, such as:

- Under the Microscope: Economic Development Websites
- Special Report: Economic Development Survey Results
- You Did What? And it Worked?
- And more

[2016 BC Economic Summit June 12 - 14](#)

Pacific Gateway Hotel, Richmond

[Early Bird Registration Until May 16](#)

[Vendor Space Available at Duncan Day - Sat. July 16](#)

Downtown Duncan Day! is back Sat. July 16. Last year's event saw hundreds of people strolling downtown. Downtown Duncan Day! showcases the best of Downtown Duncan. If you are interested in being a vendor, please download and fill out the Vendor Application by May 20.

[Downtown Duncan Day! Vendor Application](#)

Application Deadline - May 20

Duncan Day is Sat. July 16



Amazing Video

Bee Tech'

<https://youtu.be/B2G4zmW8Gsk>

Submit Your Member News

The Chamber eNews is disseminated to the business community every Friday and carries Chamber and Member news. Please send your news to chamber@duncancc.bc.ca by noon on Thurs. for the Fri. eNews. Fifty word maximum, voiced in 3rd person. Please be sure to include date, time, location, and price as appropriate. We include links, contact information & social media. Items may be edited for brevity & clarity. Images should be suitable for thumbnail size. Items run for 3 - 4 weeks.

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